

REMARKS

Claims 6-8 and 12-14 are now pending in the present application after cancellation of all rejected claims 1, 3-5 and 9-11.

In response to the Examiner's indication that claims 6-8 and 12-14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, Applicants have amended claims 6 and 12 in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The amendment introduces no new matter. Accordingly, claims 6 and 12, as well as remaining pending claims 7-8 and 13-14, which ultimately depend on claim 6 or claim 12, are in allowable condition.

In view of the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in allowable condition. All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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